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BELL COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

APPOINTED BY AND IN CONNECTION WITH

TEXAS STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

MEMBERS:

GEO. W. TYLER, CHAIRMAN, BELTON
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HUGH C. SMITH, TREASURER, KILLEEN
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WOMAN'S WORK—MRS. SAM S. WALKER, BELTON
LABOR—STUART SHAW, TEMPLE
PUBLICITY—CHAS. W. TAYLOR, ROGERS
FOOD SUPPLY—JOHN H. UNDERWOOD, HOLLAND
MILITARY AFFAIRS—J. C. MITCHELL, TEMPLE
FINANCE—HUGH C. SMITH, KILLEEN
PROTECTION—GEO. W. TYLER, BELTON

THE HOME FIRES BURNING

A SOUVENIR
OF THE
WORLD WAR

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Dedication

To the gallant boys who served our government so faithfully on land and sea, to their fond mothers, sisters, wives and children who patriotically gave them up in the great struggle for democracy, and to the glorious memory of those young heroes who, in training camps, on the seas, on the battle fields of Europe and elsewhere, made the supreme sacrifice for loved ones, for home, for freedom and for country, this brief account of our unpretentious efforts to sustain you and the government, in winning the world war, is sincerely and affectionately dedicated.

GEO. W. TYLER, Chairman,

CHAS. W. TAYLOR, Vice-Chairman,

J. CURTIS MITCHELL, Secretary,

MRS. SAM S. WALKER, Assistant Secretary.

HUGH C. SMITH, Treasurer,

STUART SHAW,

JOHN H. UNDERWOOD,

BELL COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

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THE DEFENSE COUNCIL SYSTEM

ITS ORIGIN, DEVELOPMENT AND PURPOSES

THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

The rapidity with which the government of the United States mobilized a great Army and Navy, trained them for action and transported them across the seas, with ample supplies of guns, ammunition, equipment, food, clothing and all the other impediment of a world war in Europe, over three thousand miles away, has been the wonder of our own people, has inspired the admiration of the Allies and has brought the haughty, bluffing, brutal German nation to its knees and to the depths of humiliating disgrace and cowardly despair. But our Country did all this and we had hardly got fairly started. It could and would have done many times more than it did had not the cruel and cowardly Huns thrown down their guns and thrown up their hands, on the very eve of the complete annihilation of their army and the laying waste of their country.

The diabolical crimes of the Lusitania and of the Sussex, the attempted Mexican invasion, the submarine outrages and the other deliberate affronts to our dignity and menacing threats to our existence as a Nation, all these had sufficiently aroused the President and Congress to the necessity of thorough preparations for the contingency of our at last being forced to enter the war against Germany. So, that by the Act of August 29th, 1916, seven months prior to the declaration of war, Congress created the

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE,

composed of the Secretaries of War, Navy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, aided by a Civilian Committee of seven members, a Director and his Assistants, Secretary, Chief Clerk and Statistician.

The work was administered by seven general committees, comprising the several subjects of Transportation and Communication, Munitions and Manufacturers, Supplies, Engineering and Education, Labor, Medicine, Surgery and Sanitation. Under these general committees the detail work was further distributed among many other subdivisions, such as the War Industries Board with four sub-Committees, Economy Board, Shipping, Woman's Defense Work, Inland Water Transportation, Co-operation with States, Coal Production, Universities and Colleges, Secondary and Normal Schools, Highways, Transport, Mediation and Conciliation, Wages and Hours, Women in Industry, Welfare Work, with nine Sectional and six Divisional Committees, Press, Publicity, Cost of Living and Domestic Economy, etc. There were numerous other divisions, sub-sections and committees on special subjects, covering every phase of preparation and prosecution of war.

The functions of the Council of National Defense, in a general way, were to make investigations, reports and recommendations to the President, Cabinet and heads of Executive Departments as to expeditious concentration of troops and supplies, co-ordination of military, industrial and commercial purposes of highways and railways, utilization of waterways, mobilization of military and naval resources of defense, increase of production for support of the armies, the navies and the people, development of sea-going transportation, means of production and availability of military supplies, information to producers, manufacturers and others as to supplies needed by the government, and the creation of means for immediate concentration and utilization of the resources of the nation, and, finally, to perform all other duties required from time to time.

These sub-divisions of the work led into every ramification of our military, naval, industrial, civil, commercial, financial, educational, sanitary and social affairs, and from the wide-

spread but thoroughly expert and technical investigations and reports made to the government, the President, Cabinet and Executive departments were quickly furnished with complete surveys, estimates and detailed information upon every possible subject relating to war preparation, mobilization, etc.

These duties called from private life thousands of men and women, patriotic and devoted, specialists and experts in their respective lines of work, and most all of whom served the government during the war at "a dollar a year."

All this work was inaugurated and well under way before the United States declared war on Germany.

Do these facts help to explain how quickly and how thoroughly our country mobilized her forces and got into the game?

STATE COUNCILS OF DEFENSE.

The National Council, in April, 1917, asked the several states to provide, by legislation, for Councils of Defense in each State, to co-operate with the National Council.

THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

This body, consisting of thirty-nine leading citizens of our State, appointed by the Governor, was provided for by the Act of the Legislature of May 14, 1917, and organized at once by the election of the following officers: Hon. *O. E. Dunlap, Waxahachie, chairman; Hon. R. J. Kleberg, Kingsville, vice-chairman; Judge J. F. Carl, San Antonio, secretary; Col. Royal A. Ferris, Dallas, treasurer.

Committees on Legal Affairs, Sanitation and Medicine, Finance, Labor, State Protection, Co-ordination of Societies, Publicity, Military Affairs, Food Supply and Conservation, and Transportation, were appointed and the work went forward at once and similar action was had in all or nearly all of the other States. Acting largely under the head of the National Council of Defense, the State Councils brought the war interests of the several States into harmony with the National efforts and aspirations.

COUNTY COUNCILS OF DEFENSE.

Upon recommendation of the Council of National Defense and under legislative authority each State Council proceeded at once to the creation of Councils of Defense in every County throughout the United States, to assist the State and National Councils in their war work.

PURPOSES OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

These were briefly stated in official documents, as follows:

To promote the patriotic spirit of the people and seek to educate them as to the magnitude of the task ahead.

To aid in recruiting for the National Guard.

To aid in recruiting for the regular army.

To aid in getting the idle workmen and boys below military age to help on the farms.

To aid in every possible way the successful flotation of the Liberty Loans.

To aid the County committees that are engaged in the promotion of farming.

To urge the production, to the utmost, of staple, non-perishable food crops.

To conduct campaigns to reduce waste in the home.

To aid in the formation of Home Guards.

To perform on behalf of the Federal Government such of its war work in the State as does not require the creation of a

separate administrative organization extending into the small communities.

To perform on behalf of the representatives of those Federal Departments and Administrations having organizations extending throughout the States, such of their war work as they feel can be performed by the State Council organization.

To perform on behalf of the State Council of Defense its war work in the County.

To perform such independent activities as will enable the County to contribute most fully to the welfare of the nation and of its own citizens in the prosecution of the war.

To centralize and co-ordinate the war work of the County.

BELL COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

On July 6, 1917, the Texas State Council of Defense, on the nomination of Hon. Mallory B. Blair, County Judge of Bell County, elected the following named persons to constitute the Bell County Council of Defense, to serve during the war, viz:

J. Curtis Mitchell, Temple; Mrs. Sam S. Walker, Belton; Stuart Shaw, Temple; Hugh C. Smith, Killeen; Chas. W. Taylor, Rogers; Geo. W. Tyler, Belton; John H. Underwood, Holland.

They were officially notified of this action under date of July 17, and held their first meeting in the County court room at Belton on July 23, 1917, when organization was affected by the choice of officers and committees, as follows:

Geo. W. Tyler, chairman, Belton; Chas. W. Taylor, vice-chairman, Rogers; J. C. Mitchell, secretary, Temple; Mrs. Sam S. Walker, assistant secretary, Belton; Hugh C. Smith, treasurer, Killeen.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

WOMAN'S WORK—Mrs. Sam S. Walker, chairman; Shaw and Smith.

LABOR—Stuart Shaw, chairman; Taylor and Underwood.

PUBLICITY—Chas. W. Taylor, chairman; Mitchell and Mrs. Walker.

FOOD SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION—John H. Underwood, chairman, Mrs. Walker and Shaw.

FINANCE—Hugh C. Smith, chairman; Underwood and Mitchell.

MILITARY AFFAIRS—J. Curtis Mitchell, chairman; Smith and Taylor.

PROTECTION—Geo. W. Tyler, chairman, and all members of the Council.

LOCAL LEADERS APPOINTED.

For the purposes of getting in closer touch with the people in war work (and before the Community Councils were suggested) the County Council adopted tentatively a plan for the appointment of a lady and gentleman in every election precinct in the County as local leaders and the following persons were in due time so named, viz:

LOCAL LEADERS FOR BELL COUNTY.

Gentlemen and Ladies.

Belton, Ward 1—Coleman Eads, Miss Annie Belle Burford.

Belton, Ward 2—R. B. James, Mrs. A. D. Potts.

Belton, Ward 3—Clarence Metcalf, Mrs. Henry Austin.

Belton, East Country Box—Arch McDaniel, Mrs. Will Witter.

Belton, West Country Box—Lee Smith, Mrs. Webster Hunt.

TENNESSEE VALLEY—Hood Garner, Miss Bettie Thompson.

MIDWAY—Ed. Graves, Mrs. Ed Yates.

SALADO—John Hunter, Mrs. Seymore Rose.

PRAIRIE DELL—Will Killingsworth, Mrs. J. R. Knight, Sr.

KOLLS—Wm. Mimms, Mrs. B. F. Fisher.

SUMMERS MILL—Walter Dickenson, Mrs. J. M. Philips.
WILKERSON VALLEY—Newt Bigham, Mrs. Bessie Boggart.

SPARKS—A. J. McKay Sr., Mrs. A. J. McKay Sr.

VILAS—Roy Thornhill, Mrs. Roy Thornhill.

SCIENCE HILL—W. A. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Moore.

BARTLETT—A. F. Schofield, Mrs. A. F. Schofield.

HOLLAND—W. W. Barton, Mrs. W. W. Barton.

ROGERS, EAST BOX—M. W. Moses, Mrs. M. H. Moses.

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CYCLONE—Frank Marek, Mrs. Frank Schiller.

LITTLE RIVER—Dr. A. H. Alsup, Miss Lela Crow.

BURGESS—Dr. J. F. Allsup, Miss Lela Crow.

BURGESS—Vernie Marshall, Mrs. J. B. Marshall.

HEIDENHEIMER—James Edds, Mrs. T. H. Heard.

STRINGTOWN—B. M. McElroy, Miss Eura Weems.

JOE LEE—George Young, Mrs. L. J. McLean.

TEMPLE, WARD ONE—W. J. Bassett, Mrs. A. W. Lingo.

TEMPLE, WARD TWO—Geo. Houghton, Mrs. J. W. Bonner.

TEMPLE, WARD THREE—R. E. Newman, Mrs. W. G. Davis.

TEMPLE, BENTLEY HILL—Will Sealy, Miss M. J. Putts.

TEMPLE, FREEMAN HEIGHTS—H. K. Black, Mrs. Dr. Lee Knight.

TEMPLE, BOX 51—H. S. Newland, Mrs. L. W. Muehler.

TEMPLE, WEST COUNTRY BOX—Sam Cater, Mrs. W. B. Farmer.

TEMPLE, EAST COUNTRY BOX—Lee Irish, Mrs. Winbourn Pearce.

TROY—J. K. Hughes, Mrs. Chas. Myer.

BELL FALLS—R. M. Embree, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery.

BOTTOMS—Joe E. Hill, Mrs. Walter Davis.

OCKER—Rev. Joe Dobe, Mrs. P. W. Rein.

OENAVILLE—W. T. Booth, Mrs. Nim Simmons.

HOWARD—Tom Elliott, Mrs. E. J. Alford.

PENDLETON—Ghent (Dina) Mellon, Mrs. Loyd Carl.

MOFFAT—G. E. Wilson, Mrs. E. E. Grimes.

BLAND—J. E. Trimmier, Mrs. Lizzie Willerson.

STAMPEDE—C. B. Humphrey, Mrs. Joe Burdett.

RATIBAR—Lee Kenney, Miss Bettie Medford.

KILLEEN, EAST BOX—W. S. Young, Mrs. F. M. Duncan.

KILLEEN, WEST BOX—H. N. Law, Mrs. Geo. C. Atkinson.

NOLANVILLE—Harry Mize, Mrs. Tom Medlin.

BROOKHAVEN—C. H. Robinson, Mrs. Frank Bigham.

SPARTA—J. B. Davis, Mrs. Byron Denman.

YOUNGSPORT—T. L. Ray, Miss Ella Vick.

MAXDALE—L. W. Harper, Miss Etta McBryde.

OKAY—J. A. Chapman, Mrs. E. A. Cole.

MEETINGS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The County Council of Defense held meetings as follows:

Belton, July 23, 1917; Belton, September 3, 1917; Temple, September 7, 1917; Belton, January 24, 1918; Temple, June 7, 1918; Belton, July 12, 1918; Temple, August 9, 1918; Belton, September 13, 1918; Temple, September 27, 1918; Belton, November 8, 1918; Belton, June 20, 1919.

It would occupy too much space to recount in detail the subjects discussed and business transacted at the several meetings of the County Council. Principally, the work laid out by the National Council, transmitted in Official Bulletins to the State Council and by the latter to the County Councils, throughout the State, formed the basis of the public activities of the County Councils, who, in turn, brought these matters to the attention of the people by means of circulars and appeals appearing in the county newspapers, from time to time, and, by mail, to the Local Leaders and Community Councils.

For the purpose of preserving the outline history of this

work an abstract of the subjects of these circulars is here presented. We have not space to copy all of them in full.

ABSTRACT OF SUBJECT MATTER OF CIRCULARS ISSUED.

1917.

SEPT. 6—Wheat planting in 1918, War Gardens, Gasoline Conservation, Cattle wanted in Illinois.

SEPT. 8—Health and Sanitation Clubs, Winter Wood and Coal, Soldiers Families, Seed Wheat, Corn, Etc. All "Called to the Colors."

SEPT. 3—Patriotism.

1918.

JANUARY 21—Soldiers and Sailors Insurance, British Canadians in U. S. Subject to Military Duty to Home Government.

JANUARY 23—Call for Volunteer Ship Laborers and Registration of same.

JANUARY 26—Store Closing at 9 o'clock p. m., Spring Gardening, Poultry Raising, Discouraging the Selling of Liberty Bonds at a Discount, Warning Against Unauthorized Solicitation of War Funds, Requesting Loan to the U. S. Navy of Binoculars, Spy Glasses, etc.

JUNE 1—Requesting Contribution to Government of Photos and Pictures of Defenses, Bridges, Forts, etc. in the War Zone of France, and Belgium and in Germany, Discovery and Report of Property owned by Alien Enemies, Economy in Food and Feed Production and Consumption, Discouraging Duplications of Organizations for the Same or Similar War Work, Announcing the Plan of Community Councils, Denouncing Disloyalty and Neutrality, Appeal to all the People to Stand by the Soldiers and Sailors at the Front.

JUNE—Calling upon the people of each Community to observe in a befitting manner the Fourth of July, the anniversary of the freedom for which we were again fighting.

JULY—Requesting Reports of Supplies of Walnut Timber for Gun Stocks, etc.

SEPT. 3—In Aid of the War Savings Campaign.

SEPT. 21—"Sing-Gangs" in the Community Councils.

SEPT. 22—In aid of the Fourth Liberty Loan and placing the Community Councils, by name and number, at the service of the several sectional managers of the Campaign over the County.

NOVEMBER 22—In aid of the Woman's Campaign for Weighing and Measuring Children.

SEPT. 27—Requesting the Preservation and Delivery to the Government of Peach Stones and other materials used in making Gas Masks for the Soldiers.

OCT.-NOV.—In aid of the United War Work Campaign.

OCT. 25—In aid of the Third Food Card Distribution of the Food Administration. (This distribution became unnecessary by the signing of the Armistice Nov. 11, 1918.)

We feel justified in the reproduction of two of our circulars, in full, as they seemed to strike a responsive chord among our co-workers in the great cause—the one on Patriotism, the other on Sing-Gangs, and let them now speak for themselves.

LOYALTY! PATRIOTISM!

BELL COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

Circular No. 3.

To the Patriotic People of Bell County:

We have been specially requested by the Texas State Council of Defense "to guard carefully the matter of disloyalty to our country at this time" and, when satisfied that such disloyalty exists in any form, to forward the information to the State Council, who will take the same up with the proper federal authorities. This would be an exceedingly unpleasant duty, but one which we shall not hesitate to perform if the oc-

casian and the facts justify.

Before our government declared war, the German government, without provocation, was making war upon us. It publicly talked peace and friendship, but was secretly plotting against us with other nations, and finally, unmasking its deep laid scheme of world domination, sank our ships and murdered our citizens upon the high seas. It had planned to strike France, then England and then America, one at a time. Should France and England be crushed, should England lose her control of the seas, the German fleet will come to our shores, its guns will be mounted upon our soil, and unless we are able to resist the mailed hand of German militarism, our land will be despoiled, our people subjugated and our "government of the people, by the people and for the people" will perish forever from the face of the earth.

If we do not fight in Europe we will surely have to fight in America. We have delayed too long—we should have joined England and France at the beginning of the war, for it has been virtually our war all the time! Unfortunately, many of our people could not then (some do not now) understand this.

We are stating facts, known to every intelligent citizen. The hour for discussion has passed. We indulge no argument. Our government spoke the word which commanded, at once, the loyalty, the service and the sacrifice of all. Every citizen of the United States is now a loyal supporter of the government or a traitor and a public enemy. One who now opposes, by speech or action, the army draft, or any measure adopted by the government for the purposes of this war, is inviting dire disaster to American arms, the criminal slaughter of our soldier boys, the overthrow and destruction of our government itself, and is no better than a German spy.

We sympathize deeply with the fond mothers of our soldier boys who are departing for the front. But, amid their tears, let them say, as did the Spartan mothers of old to their sons who went forth to battle for their country: "Return with your shields or upon them," and like the blessed mothers of France, in this great conflict, let them weep also because they have not more noble sons to give in the defense of their country's liberty. Glorious for you that you have raised up men mentally, morally and physically fit to be chosen by our government, from the thousands of their fellows, for the honor of bearing the hallowed flag of our country in the face of its enemies and to strike a timely blow for family, for home and for their native land.

And our soldier boys are to be congratulated upon their great opportunity—the greatest that ever came to any soldier—of doing a brave, a gallant and an honorable part in the greatest achievement ever accomplished by the arms and the courage of a free people.

And it will be a glorious day for America when the sacred principles of civil liberty, immortalized by Jefferson in 1776 and established upon this continent by the arms of Washington and his patriot soldiers, shall be heralded back from the battlefields of Europe as the recognized creed of all nations under the sun!

Fellow countrymen! Americans! Freemen! Close up the ranks. Join hands and hearts and lay all upon the altar of our beloved land. And to the cause of our country's liberty let us, as did our forefathers of the revolution, "mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

Respectfully,

GEO. W. TYLER,

CHAS. W. TAYLOR,

J. C. MITCHELL,

MRS. SAM S. WALKER,

HUGH C. SMITH,

STUART SHAW,

J. H. UNDERWOOD,

BELL COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

SING GANG CIRCULAR

HO! FOR THE SING GANG!!

A NEW NAME, BUT JUST THE SAME!

They have quartets, glee clubs, chorus clubs, etc., in other places, but the Community Councils of Bell County will be the FIRST to have the

SING GANGS!!

Do you like the name? It is full of "pep" and rings democratic. All of us can join the "gang" and make a noise that will scare the Huns!

Get all the singers in your community together—men and women, boys and girls—form them into a

SING GANG

choose a leader or director, and an alternate, meet at private homes, learn the favorite songs, practice singing them together, arrange music programs for the monthly meetings of the Community Councils, and "make the welkin ring" with the old songs of patriotism and sentiment.

Neighboring Sing Gangs might exchange visits or put on joint programs, when the Council meetings do not conflict.

SING GANG CONVENTIONS

at central points and an

ANNUAL SING GANG ENCAMPMENT

for Bell County would be fine!

"The One Hundred and One Best Songs" is a fine collection of all the favorite songs, and can be had (in a few days) through W. S. Hunter & Co., Belton, at 10 cents per copy, \$1.06 per dozen, prepaid, cash with order. Each Sing Gang can choose its own songs and Song Books, but the idea is to get QUICK ACTION on the proposition. The LATEST WAR SONGS are, of course, copyrighted, and are sold only in sheet music. Procure these through music dealers anywhere.

Don't delay. Have the committee on "Program" or "Entertainment" call the singers together and organize this pleasing feature AT ONCE.

"OVER THE TOP"

WITH THE

SING GANG!!

What do you say?

Respectfully,

GEO. W. TYLER, Chairman,

BELL COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

NOTE 1.—Please send me the name and address of the leader, and the number of members, of each Sing Gang as soon as formed as I may have something of interest for them from time to time.

NOTE 2.—The County Council favors music in Community Councils but is not responsible for the issuing of this circular. The Chairman assumes that alone.

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS.

At the request of the Texas State Council of Defense, special committees for the whole county, were appointed as follows:

On Magazines for Soldiers on the Border, Feb. 25, 1918.

Belton, Mrs. Slade Yarrell; Temple, Mrs. W. Goodrich Jones; Rogers, Mrs. J. H. Wear; Holland, Mrs. I. A. Stone; Bartlett, Mrs. Wallace Walton; Killeen, Mrs. Sam Rancier; Nolanville, Mrs. E. Layne; Troy, Miss Catherine McGrail; Pendle-

ton, Mrs. W. W. Littlefield; Heidenheimer, Mrs. A. J. Wilder; Little River, Mrs. Lee Baird; Oenaville, Mrs. Wm. J. Lee; Mofatt, Mrs. W. W. Mayes; Salado, Mrs. Nal Shanklin; Summers Mill, Mrs. J. M. Phillips; Bland, Mrs. John Trimmier; Sparta, Mrs. John Pittman; Youngsfort, Mrs. Troy L. Ray; Maxdale, Mrs. Thos. J. Hoover; Sparks, Mrs. A. J. McKay; Vilas, Mrs. W. H. Dollahite; Science Hill, Mrs. G. T. Leatherman; Cyclone, Mrs. William Maresh; Prairie Dell, Miss Annie Hodges; Burgess, Mrs. Vernie C. Marshall; Ocker, Mrs. R. E. Raabe; Kolls, Mrs. John Turland.

ON WAR GARDENS, FEB. 28, 1918.

BELTON—J. Henry Head, Central Chairman; Ward 1—Rev. Lawrence Williams, chairman, Mrs. Leslie Mitchell, Mrs. C. L. Proctor. Ward 2—T. S. Davis, chairman, Mrs. Anna Duggan, Mrs. Ghent Carpenter. Ward 3—A. T. Van Ness, chairman, Mrs. T. N. Duckworth, Mrs. Tom Hughes.

TEMPLE—R. D. Morgan, Central Chairman; Mrs. C. D. Seybold, North Side; Mrs. G. P. Hunton, Bentley Hill; Mrs. Lee Knight, Freeman Heights; Mrs. D. K. Doyle, South Side West of 5th Street; Mrs. J. J. Booker, South Side East of 5th Street.

KILLEEN—James E. Root, Chairman; Mrs. Oscar Hallmark, Mrs. Levi Anderson.

TROY—Dr. I. D. Ellis, Chairman; Mrs. C. W. Meyer, Mrs. John Thompson.

ROGERS—B. T. Gardner, Chairman; Mrs. Purcell Baugh, Mrs. Ira Wilson.

HOLLAND—Claude McGregor, Chairman; Mrs. N. C. Harmon, Mrs. S. H. Barton, Jr.

BARTLETT—T. B. Benson, Chairman; Mrs. J. K. Knight, Mrs. A. F. Taylor.

PENDLETON—W. W. Lynch, Chairman; Mrs. Clyde Norwood, Mrs. B. J. Carpenter.

SALADO—Van Jarnigan, Chairman; Mrs. Seymour Rose, Mrs. M. A. Halsey.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

With a view to co-operation and co-ordination of the efforts of all the local war organizations, the County Council (with approval of the State and National Councils) invited the heads of all other bodies in Bell County to become Associate Members, with full rights in every respect, except that a majority of the seven original members would suffice for a quorum at meetings of the County Council. The personnel of these Associate Members was as follows:

Geo. P. Hunton, Temple, County Food Administrator.
Chas. M. Campbell, Temple, Chairman Red Cross.
M. B. Blair, Belton, Chairman Liberty Loan Campaign.
M. R. Martin, Belton, County Demonstration Agent.
P. L. Stone, Belton, County Superintendent.
Mrs. L. C. Strange, Temple, Home Service, Red Cross.
Miss Zera Girdner, Temple, Home Demonstration Agent.
Dr. John S. McCelvey, Temple, Chairman Public Health Committee.

Dr. Taylor Hudson, Belton, Vice-Chairman Public Health Committee.

P. L. Downs, Jr., Temple, Chairman War Savings Campaign.

Tom S. Wright, Temple, Chairman Labor Enrollment Board.

Neal Bassel, Belton, Chairman Labor Enrollment Board and Secretary Local Board No. 1.

Mrs. J. J. Booker, Temple, Chairman Campaign Committee Liberty Loan, Bell County Y. M. C. A.

W. S. Lemley, Temple, Chairman Local Board No. 2.

M. M. White, Belton, Chairman Legal Advisory Board.

Dr. M. P. McElhannon, Belton, County Health Officer.

Dr. E. D. Maloy, Temple, President Bell County Medical Society.

Dr. J. M. Frazier, Belton, Rep. Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

Chas. B. Wade, Belton, County Fuel Administrator.

J. R. Spencer, Temple, County Manager United War Work Campaign.

John W. Thompson, Temple, County Manager U. S. Employment Service.

W. S. Rowland, Temple, Dist. Manager United War Work Campaign.

WAR INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE.

To pass upon the advisability of all new buildings and of repairs and extensions to cost over \$2500.00, the Chairman and Secretary of the County Council and Mr. E. F. Lanham, Temple, appointed by County Council, were designated by the State Council for these duties.

CAMPAIGNS.

The first Liberty Loan and Red Cross Campaigns came before the appointment of the County Council. Thereafter, it officially and individually and through the Local Leaders and Community Councils, rendered all the service possible by assistance and co-operation with the respective managers of the several campaigns, to wit:

Second Liberty Loan, Oct. 27-Nov., 1917.

Third Liberty Loan, March, 1918.

Fourth Liberty Loan, Sept. 28, 1918.

Victory Loan, April 10, 1919.

Food Card Distribution.

War Savings.

United War Work, Nov. 11, 18, 1918.

Second and Third Red Cross.

The County Council actively and successively conducted Campaigns on War Gardens, Weighing and Measuring Children, Ship Building Enrollment, Public Service Reserve, Magazines for Soldiers, besides the agitation of various kinds of War Work and Conservation covered by their circulars above mentioned.

WOMANS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Sam S. Walker, representing the Women War Workers in the County Council, was also commissioned Chairman of the Woman's Committee of Bell County by the Woman's Division of the National Council. She did an immense amount of work in the organization and distribution of the war tasks among the women, and she presided over a splendid representation of these ladies assembled at Belton for organization on her call on the 25th day of June, 1918, and at another well attended general meeting in Belton on September 12, 1918. The general county organization of the Woman's Committee was as follows:

Chairman, Mrs. Sam S. Walker, Belton; 1st Vice-Chairman, Mrs. I. A. Stone, Holland; 2nd Vice-Chairman, Mrs. J. J. Booker, Temple; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Fisher, Belton.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Food Administration, Mrs. Charlton Hall, Temple; Home Economics, Mrs. Charles W. Myer, Troy; Child Welfare, Mrs. M. M. White, Belton; Liberty Loan, Mrs. J. J. Booker, Temple; Thrift Stamps, Mrs. J. M. Woodson, Temple; Education, Mrs. J. C. Hardy, Belton; Social Agencies, Mrs. John Bigham, Rogers; Women in Industry, Mrs. J. R. Poindexter, Temple; Registration, Mrs. A. D. Potts, Belton; Home and Allied Relief, Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Temple; Health and Recreation, Mrs. Harry T. Cochran, Belton; Organization, Mrs. R. L. McKnight, Temple; Membership, Mrs. Jas. B. Hubbard, Belton; Publicity, Mrs. H. A. Leak, Temple; Co-Ordination, Mrs. W. B. McGarity, Belton; Finance, Mrs. Sam H. Barton, Holland.

In the campaign for the Nurses Reserve Corps, Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Chairman, over 150 applications were received, of whom seven nurses were accepted in different hospitals of the country as Student Nurse Reserves.

And the Child Welfare Committee, Mrs. M. M. White, Chairman, accomplished the weighing, measuring and testing of the children in nearly every school in the county, from which much good will doubtless result.

MILITARY.

The Chairman of this County Council and several of its members served with others on the Boards of Instruction of the two Local Boards, their function being to prepare the boys, called into service from time to time by the Local Boards, for the responsibilities ahead of them, by instruction in the cause of the war, patriotism, simple drilling, equipment, allotments, allowances and insurance, care of their health, how to go to training camps, etc. This work began in the early Summer of 1918, and was continued till the signing of the armistice.

In advance of the Second Registration, September 12, 1918, and at the request of Local Board No. 1, the County Council called together at Belton, on September 10, 1918, the Chairmen of all Community Councils under the jurisdiction of said Local Board No. 1, to receive instructions as to rendering assistance to the registration officers and much valuable service was given by them in the work of that registration.

Our members and our Legal Advisory Board, wherever called upon by the drafted men, instructed and advised them in regard to the proper arrangement of their business during absence in the service, and as to their allotments, allowances, insurance, etc.

GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LOYALTY.

The County Council gave special attention to the matter of loyalty of all of our people to the government, investigated and reported suspicious cases and co-operated with the State and Federal officers in their work of discovering all people who were pro-German or anti-American.

Realizing that the conduct of public meetings and communication in the enemy language could be used as a means of spying and dangerous propaganda, the County Council adopted strong resolutions against the use of the German language "upon all occasions by all peoples, in public meetings, schools, churches, lodges, Sunday schools, prayer meetings, in correspondence, telephone, telegraph and in every other relation of life, public and private, except in those rare instances of a private nature where one or both parties be unable to speak the English language." This was in line with the resolutions adopted by the State and National Councils. And in several instances schools, churches, etc. conducted in German, were closed by the County Council.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES APPOINTED JULY 13, 1918.

M. M. White, Belton, Chairman; Jno. B. Daniel, Temple, Vice-Chairman; Lewis H. Jones, Belton; Sam D. Snodgrass, Temple; Jno. B. Durrett, Belton; W. W. Hair, Temple; I. W. Culp, Killeen; J. W. Thomas, Rogers; Jno. A. Jones, Bartlett.

ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION APPOINTED JULY 16, 1918.

At Large:

Dr. John S. McCelvy, Temple, Chairman; Dr. Taylor Hudson, Belton, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. J. Hugh Wear, Rogers; Hon. W. R. Butler, Temple; Dr. W. M. W. Splawn, Belton; Dr. O. F. Gober, Temple; Mrs. Sam H. Barton, Jr., Holland; Dr. A. H. Alsop, Little River.

Representative:

Dr. I. D. Ellis, Troy, County Medical Association; Miss Bess Mason, Temple, County Home Demonstration; Marvin R. Martin, Belton, County Farm Demonstration; Dr. A. B. Crain, Belton, County Health Officer; Stuart Shaw, Temple, County Council of Defense; Prof. P. L. Stone, Belton, County School Superintendent; Mrs. J. W. Norman, Killeen, Home Service Section Red Cross.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU.

At the solicitation of the County Council of Defense a number of ladies and gentlemen consented to lend their talent in promoting the interest of and zest in the meetings of the Community Councils with programs of speaking, music, etc. They have and deserve the sincere gratitude of the County and Community Councils. The list is as follows:

Speakers:

Mrs. W. S. Banks, Temple; Dr. A. H. Barnwell, Oenaville; Hon. W. J. Bassett, Temple; Judge M. B. Blair, Belton; T. R. Buckallew, Oenaville; Miss Annabel Burford, Belton; Hon. W. R. Butler, Temple; Prof. A. B. Cargill, Oenaville; Rev. A. E. Carraway, Killeen; Hon. W. T. Carter, Killeen; Prof. Frank Chudej, Temple; Mrs. C. C. Clark, Oenaville; Clem C. Countess, Belton; Hon. I. W. Culp, Killeen; R. O. Culp, Temple; Col. H. L. Dailey, Temple; Hon. John B. Daniel, Temple; Dr. J. M. Frazier, Belton; Col. C. L. Gibson, Rogers; Mrs. Mary L. Gil-land, Belton, R 2; Mrs. J. S. Goeppinger, Belton; Hon. W. W. Hair, Temple; Thos. C. Hall, Temple; Dr. J. C. Hardy, Belton; Rev. B. A. Hodges, Temple; Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Temple; Judge J. A. Humphries, Temple; Hon. Lewis H. Jones, Belton; F. L. Leigh, Oenaville; Rev. T. J. Lockhart, Rogers; W. O. Logan, Belton; Rev. Chas. A. Loveless, Temple; Perry B. Madison, Belton; Marvin R. Martin, Belton; Andrew McBeath, Temple; Mrs. R. L. McKnight, Temple; Taylor Ming, Belton, Route 3; Rev. G. G. Mitchell, Oenaville; Mrs. J. C. Mitchell, Temple; Rev. O. O. Moore, Rogers; Dr. J. M. Murphy, Temple; Mrs. J. R. Poin-dexter, Temple; Mrs. G. A. Proctor, Salado, Route 3; Col. O. P. Pyle, Belton; W. S. Rowland, Temple; Dr. A. C. Scott, Temple; Mrs. Bennett Smith, Temple; Judge Sam D. Snodgrass, Temple; Judge F. M. Spann, Temple; Prof. P. L. Stone, Belton; J. W. Thomas, Rogers; Rev. E. G. Townsend, Belton; Rev. Robert T. Wallace, Belton R 2; G. A. Weathersbee, Rogers; Judge M. M. White, Belton; Rev. Lawrence Williams, Belton; Dr. R. T. Wilson, Temple; C. D. Wolfe, Temple.

Musicians and Others.

Mrs. Bess Sparks Bogart, vocal, Salado, route 3; Miss Vin-

nie Boyd, piano and violin, Belton; Miss Anna H. Culpepper, vocal, Temple; Miss Laura Hiatt, vocal, Belton; Miss Leland Means, vocal and violin, Belton; Miss Louise Yarbrough, piano, Belton; Miss Alice Elliott, recitations, Belton; Mrs. Seymour Rose, readings, Salado; Mrs. J. C. Hardy, distributor of literature, Belton; Mrs. Theo. G. Harkey, speaker with illustrations, etc., Salado.

ROUTINE DUTIES.

Many and varied were the duties and responsibilities that were placed upon the officers and members of the County Council as the war progressed. Among these may be mentioned:

Voluminous correspondence with the National, State and Community Councils of Defense and other County Councils, heads of Departments of the National and State Governments, the military and civil authorities, and the various other war-work organizations throughout the country; investigation and report to the Federal and State authorities of slackers, traitors, pro-Germans and other disloyal suspects; investigations and reports upon all persons applying for service overseas in the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., etc. Questionnaires as to all these persons come from the Headquarters to the officers of the County Council, with searching inquiries as to the capabilities, integrity, character and especially as to the loyalty of all such applicants, their families and close friends. No one of known pro-German sympathies or associations was permitted to go abroad in such service.

Correspondence in behalf of the families of Soldiers and Sailors, regarding allotments, allowances, insurance, etc., and as to their whereabouts and discharge after the armistice.

Letters of recommendation for men applying for enlistment in the Army, Navy, and in the various branches of Civil Service for war, etc.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Under a call of the Texas State Council of Defense a District Council, composed of members of the County Councils of Bell, Milam, Coryell, Hamilton, Mills and San Saba counties was held at Temple on August 30, 1918. Representatives of the State Council, Col. Olynthus Ellis, Field Marshall, and Mrs. Reece Wilson, Field Secretary of the Woman's Committee of the National Council, and other prominent war workers attended. Geo. W. Tyler was chosen chairman, and Stuart Shaw, secretary. The meeting was devoted to a general discussion of the best methods of organization, work, etc., and was quite beneficial. Similar meetings were held over the State

COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF DEFENSE.

Early in 1918 the Council of National Defense promulgated the plan of Community Councils of Defense in every School District in the United States, in order to bring home the realization of the war to the masses of the people throughout the country and to each individual and thus to more thoroughly arouse their patriotism and active support in all lines of war work. Literature explaining their purposes, plan of organization and working methods were sent out and the idea was approved by the various State Councils. The purposes of these Community Councils were announced, in a general way to be.

PURPOSES OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

To organize the entire community for war service and to enlist and maintain the enthusiasm and support of every individual back of the war;

To utilize and co-operate with all existing war agencies in

the community and to centralize and correlate the war work of all of them.

To aid and co-operate with all Committees and Campaigns for the sale of Liberty Bonds, War Savings, Thrift Stamps, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and other legitimate activities for financing this world war for Liberty and Democracy;

To aid the United States Food Campaign to secure the conservation of food for our people, our armies, our navies and our allies;

To demand that everybody be patriotic and loyal to our government, to discover, report to the proper officers and stamp out disloyalty, espionage, and all cases of pro-Germans and enemy spies, and to make disloyalty in action or speech, so ODIIOUS that they would render those guilty of them objects of public SCORN and INDIGNATION;

To protect and guard life, liberty and property against se-

cret enemies, and especially to guard farms, graneries, warehouses, factories, mills and other institutions necessary for the support of the people, the armies, the navies and our allies and to sustain and support all officers of the government and all legally constituted committees and agencies for carrying on the purposes of the war.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

The duty of organizing them was placed upon the County Councils. Peculiar conditions prevailing in Bell County, due to drouth, financial depression and other things, discouraged the inauguration of this work for a time. Our people did not seem to be quite ready for it. One such organization was formed in Belton on May 24th, 1918, as the result of a little local excitement, but otherwise, we had to await the departure of the soldier boys in large numbers to the training camps and overseas and for the German peril to pall upon us the full realization that it was OUR WAR. To a peace loving, agricultural people, a war across the ocean, 3,000 miles away, in Europe, was not easy to visualize—it was a dream. We had, as it were, to hear the guns and to see the crimson flow of American blood and to feel the grip of the genuine war spirit, before we could as a people move en masse. This came like a sweeping, hurling torrent with the daring charge of the American boys at Chateau-Thierry and the second victory of the Marne! We all knew then that we were at war and our people, with one accord, were ready and anxious to give their hearts, their treasure, their all upon the altar made red by the blood of our own heroic boys.

As the task of visiting in person and organizing Community Councils in the more than one hundred school districts and sub-divisions in Bell County was beyond the physical possibility of the members of the County Council, a happy solution was found in DRAFTING for this work the trustees of the school districts. And never was there a prompter or more willing or patriotic response to a call to duty than that displayed by the school trustees of Bell County. We here say to one and all of them, in capital letters, WE THANK YOU!

On August 5th, 1918, the trustees of thirty districts assembled in Belton in County Convention for school business. By courtesy, members of the County Council appeared before them, explained the Community Council system and supplied them with printed matter for organization purposes. This included blank printed posters, giving notice of the organization meeting in each district, circulars of general information as to its purposes, brief instructions in the parliamentary form of organizing and a standard code of By-Laws for each.

Immediately following this, a general notice was sent out by the County Council, summoning the trustees of all the

other districts to meet the County Council at convenient central points for like instructions. The trustees of thirteen districts were called to Belton August 13th, of eight districts to Holland August 14th, of nine districts to Rogers August 15th, of fifteen districts to Killeen August 16th, and of twenty-two districts to Temple August 17th. The attendance at these meetings was practically 100 per cent. The trustees of three districts not attending personally came to the Chairman shortly afterward, reasonably accounted for their absence and, receiving their instructions, papers, etc., proceeded promptly in their duty. One district whose trustees were of Teutonic nationality, hung back for awhile but was forced to come in and thereafter seemed to be in full sympathy. Taken altogether, this prompt attendance of the trustees of over 111 districts and sub-divisions, and the rapid organization of their Councils was an unprecedented accomplishment and an experienced newspaper editor and public men of our County remarked that "he had never seen anything like it." And Hon. Elliott Dunlap Smith, Chief of the Field Division of the Council of National Defense, at Washington, D. C., was pleased on October 25, 1918, to congratulate the Bell County Council upon the organization of 111 Community Councils and to say that it was the best record he had received from any county in the United States. But it is easy to understand—our people in their homes, their firesides, their farms, their stores, their offices, their shops, everywhere, were at last AT WAR!! And with such a spirit calling to the boys at the front and to the people at home, our nation is always INVINCIBLE. The Belton and Temple districts subdivided their territory—the former into three, the latter into six Councils, besides a negro Council in each and another in the County.

We have space to say only this: Our Community Councils were just thoroughly organized and getting seasoned and drilled for their great work, and in the two campaigns after they were formed—the Fourth Liberty Loan and the United War Work—they showed their metal and presaged what could be expected of them in vigorous and efficient action—and then the armistice came. Don't forget, too, that they were making it hot for slackers, traitors and pro-Germans.

ROSTER.

We take pleasure in presenting a full Roster of the Officers and Committees of these Community Councils, with some other particulars, in recognition of their patriotic work and co-operation and in order that our returning soldier boys may know something of how the people at home were standing behind them in the great world tragedy.



LIST OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

WITH THEIR NUMBERS, OFFICERS AND ENROLLMENT.

No.	COUNCIL	CHAIRMAN	1ST VICE-CHAIRMAN	2ND VICE-CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY	Roll
	Belton, Ward 1	Dr. Taylor Hudson	Mrs. Thos. Yarrell Sr.	Jesse S. Blair	Miss Erna Partlow	369
	Belton, Ward 2	Dr. J. M. Frazier	Mrs. A. D. Potts	Walter Miller	C. B. Wade	E380
	Belton, Ward 3	W. W. Upshaw	Mrs. W. E. Cline	Mrs. B. C. Franklin	C. B. Metcalf	340
	Temple, Ward 1	M. F. W. Robinson	Mrs. B. A. Hodges	Chas. S. Cox	J. P. Black	844
	Temple, Ward 2	John Earhard	Mrs. R. L. McKnight	J. F. Carter Jr.	B. N. Jarrell	792
	Temple, Ward 3-E	Dr. R. T. Wilson	Mrs. J. J. Booker	Geo. Whisenant	Byron Beard	844
	Temple, Ward 3-W	R. L. Barclay	Mrs. D. K. Doyle	W. R. Knight	J. A. Humphries	795
	Temple, Bentley Hill	W. R. Butler	Miss Flora Lackner	Mrs. A. F. Bentley	Jas. E. Speer	153
	Temple, Freeman Hgts	H. K. Black	Miss Myra Black	Dr. Lee Knight	D. C. Partin	393
	Armstrng	J. M. Phillips	Mrs. J. H. Harville	W. N. Kelley	Walter S. Dickenson	70
	Bartlett	E. C. Habber	Mrs. J. B. Knight	Albert S. Clark	V. I. Moore	E300
	Heidenheimer	G. P. Marshall	Mrs. C. C. Carson	J. L. Wilder	C. C. Carson	E137
	Holland	G. W. Kinchelo	Mrs. I. A. Stone	Logan Mewhinney	E. R. Nunnellee	E300
	Killeen	W. T. Carter	Mrs. J. W. Norman	Prof. W. R. Kennedy	T. H. Norman	556
	Oenaville	Prof. A. B. Cargill	Mrs. Cary C. Clark	W. S. Elliott	T. R. Buckalaw	225
	Prairie Dell	G. W. Forehand	Miss Beulah McGlothlin	G. P. England	Will M. Webster	127
	Rogers	Robt. J. Reid	Mrs. M. H. Moore	Mrs. A. C. Baugh	J. W. Bigham	415
	Salado	W. S. Rose	Mrs. L. M. Crockett	Fred Cawthon	Dr. I. A. Griffin	E220
	Science Hill	W. A. Moore	Mrs. T. D. Jones	T. D. Jones	G. C. Ponder	65
	Troy	Dr. I. D. Ellis	Miss Etta Thaxton	S. W. Driggers	A. P. Randolph	457
	Willow Grove	Prof. J. D. Alsop	Mrs. Lucile Swaims	W. L. Gibson	J. E. Whitehead	100
1	Amity	Geo. A. Proctor	Mrs. Lela Hill	H. J. Porter	Tom J. Taylor	95
2	Temple Interurban	W. B. Newby	Mrs. B. T. Stribling	W. E. Willis	J. E. Love	353
3	Buckhorn	E. R. Tilley	Mrs. J. W. May	J. W. May	W. F. Haarmeyer	91
4-1	Kelso	E. M. Steglich	Mrs. Walter Linderman	A. H. Lange	M. E. Albrecht	105
4-2	Kelso	J. J. Tipton	Mrs. Haywood Haynes	L. W. Robinson	L. W. Robinson	77
5	Cedar Knob	W. J. Cathey	Mrs. Irene Burnham	W. B. Alexander	T. C. Wear	53
6	Cedar Creek	R. L. Epperson	Mrs. I. L. Martin	A. F. Fox	A. B. Berry	123
7	Cedar Grove	Jesse H. Parks	Mrs. Jesse H. Parks	Jason G. Hearn	Carlos F. Dykes	91
8	Shanklin	H. D. Thompson	Miss Willie Jones	Fred Pauls	Joseph E. Tant	106
9	Cyclone	J. H. Kohut	Mrs. A. W. Geistman	A. W. Geistman	H. M. Jakubik	167
10	Center Oak	J. P. Edwards	Mrs. W. R. Wallace	Mrs. C. W. Parrott	W. A. Poteet	125
11	Cottonwood	J. F. Dunlap	Mrs. M. Lewellen	S. H. Fowler	Geo. F. Bishop	E100
12	Komensky	Joe Pobovil	Miss Annie Vanicek	Joe Horaver	Rudolph Martines	81
13	Trimmier	B. M. Jones	Mrs. Charlie Collins	W. P. Ratliff	Tom George	52-
14	Willingham	H. L. Thomas	Mrs. Nellie Elms	W. H. Myers	A. N. Housewright	28
15	Dyess Grove	E. L. Evans	Miss Eura Weems	S. H. Morris	W. M. Hudson	135
16	Childers	F. M. Atkerson	Mrs. L. H. Knowles	Mrs. Ada Knowles	J. W. Clements	93
17	Elm Spring	W. W. Moss	Mrs. Effie Hodge	Mrs. Ida Walden	Tom Douglass	45
18	Seaton	J. H. Hurta	None	Fred Cantrell	J. F. Motl	125
19	Casey	R. A. Childers	Mrs. B. B. Taylor	None	J. W. Marek	81
20	Howard	Tom Cass	Mrs. Carrye Lemmons	R. C. Ogle	F. T. Cartwright	58
23	Iduma	G. L. Gower	Miss Josie Story	M. L. McBryde	O. M. Cummings	76
24	Haybranch	W. E. Middleton	Mrs. R. F. Shine	R. F. Shine	H. L. Huggins	95
25	Hebron	C. W. Heard	Miss Ida Crouch	J. Y. Bolin	W. H. Giles	56
26	Highland	A. W. Walker	Miss Belle Walker	Mrs. R. E. Wheeler	Mrs. J. W. Walker	69
27	Maxdale	C. C. Hoover	Miss Maggie Ellis	J. D. Wright	A. H. Ellis	44

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28	Webbville	A. J. Mellon	Miss Helen Southerland	W. M. Carberry	D. A. McGregor	E 65
30	Keys Valley	R. E. Tatum	Miss Mollie Copeland	R. C. Damron	Miss Thelma Tatum	34
31	Knob Creek	J. T. Page	Mrs. L. J. Weaver	J. B. Silvers	Buford Silvers	E100
32	Theo	R. J. Smith	Miss Ola Booth	W. T. Booth	W. F. Moore	38
33	Live Oak Ridge	Joe E. Williams	Miss Parrie Haynes	Frank Hammock	J. E. Hunt	37
34	Okay	G. L. Proctor	Mrs. Lizzie Wright	W. J. Whitfield	W. J. Henderson	67
36	New Hope	W. C. Rice	Mrs. Eugene Jennings	R. L. Huskie	Ira Davis	53
37	Little Flock	J. H. Martin	Mrs. J. R. Streator	Elmer Lewellen	R. L. Garrett	101
38	Little River	Dr. A. H. Alsop	Mrs. Hugh Cole	Mrs. Stella Allison	C. L. Evans	175
39	Little Elm	W. H. Hutchison	Mrs. W. K. McGlaun	W. K. McGlaun	S. W. Buster	175
40	Academy	J. H. Goolsby	Mrs. J. B. Marshall	W. O. Walker	J. B. Marshall	89
41	Little Nolan	C. M. Sprott	Mrs. N. H. Sprott	W. C. Hughes	J. C. Wills	78
42	Moffatt	Geo. E. Wilson	Mrs. J. W. Berry	F. C. Wharton	W. C. Evetts	E100
45	Joe Lee	W. P. Woodruff	Miss Myrtle Reed	Miss Eunice McLean	W. F. Reed	161
46	White Hall	G. F. Daniels	Mrs. Grace Daniels	J. T. Pryor	J. W. Forrester	58
47	White Hall (col.)	E. M. Warren	Mrs. L. H. Moore	B. R. Woods	H. C. Beaty	95
48	Goodville	S. L. Whitlow	Mrs. Will Weiderspohn	A. B. Connor	Clifton L. Bolding	144
49	North Elm	W. H. Locke	Mrs. M. J. Stepan Jr.	F. J. Marek	C. M. Logan	E103
50	Nolanville	F. E. Box	Miss Lucy Jackson	E. Lane	Van E. Irwin	144
53	Bland	W. A. Grimes	Mrs. M. O. Grimes	G. W. Cox	Merton O. Grimes	61
54	Palo Alto	R. M. Hilliard	Mrs. W. J. Stafford	R. A. Morehead	W. J. Stafford	105
56	Phoenix	Thos. J. Bell	Mrs. Thos. J. Bell	Ed. Carpenter	Howard Kelley	23
57	Gindale	W. H. Madeley	Mrs. J. T. Lagrone	T. W. Jacob	W. W. Adams	110
58	Meeks	E. W. Hoelscher	Miss Alma Kessler	D. G. Stolle	W. R. Geistman	48
59	Pecan	W. L. Brewster	Miss Laura Patterson	Ed Hempel	G. E. Koonson	88
60	Pleasant Valley	A. M. Walker	Mrs. W. J. Hewitt	None	A. C. Chaffin	78
61	Prairie View	L. L. Keeton	Miss Essie Forrest	John Stayton	C. T. Brakebill	117
62	Brookhaven	C. H. Robinson	Mrs. W. M. Watson	T. J. Culp	Jas. M. Watson	120
63	Willow Springs	F. M. Sapp	Miss Irma Ford	Mrs. Walter Schorn	J. E. Hall	107
66	Pendleton	Dr. W. E. Whigham	Mrs. W. W. Littlefield	W. M. Lusk	C. A. Norwood	E300
67	Midway	L. S. Deavers	Mrs. Ed. W. Graves	F. N. Bridges	Ed. W. Graves	E 50
68	New Colony	M. M. Sikes	Mrs. Leona Ashcraft	Chas. C. Ashcraft	Otto Gavenda	131
70	Reece's Creek	H. B. Stoneham	Mrs. Bessie Ludwig	Claude Levy	Lee Gentry	39
71	Sunshine	R. N. Kelso	Mrs. R. N. Kelso	Frank Dodd	J. M. Armstrong	55
72	Cedar Valley	R. L. Birdwell	Lottie V. Birdwell	A. J. Calder	W. A. Malcolm	39
73	Belle Plains	L. F. Eubanks	Mrs. Elmer Goodnight	W. W. Harris	Louis M. Poteet	84
76	Luther Smith	J. R. Burdette	Mrs. Roy Caruthers	B. B. Naylor	Roy Caruthers	67
77	Sulphur Springs	Walter Simmons	Mrs. Walter Simmons	Grady Ferguson	Miss Ernie Splittgerber	34
78	Sypert	J. W. Huckabee	Mrs. Myrtle Hughes	L. E. Neitsch	Ed. F. Allen	78
79	Stampede	J. C. Linder	Miss Nannie Goode	Miss Zula Goode	Robbie L. Talley	121
80	McDowell	W. P. Whitmire	Mrs. D. W. Mangham	F. L. Estes	Guy Barron	73
81	Santa Fe	O. F. Allen	Mrs. W. H. Russell	E. W. Moore	A. B. Moore	175
83	Tennessee Valley	Jas. A. Scott	Miss Bettie Thompson	W. E. Lanier	Frank P. Morgan	97
84	Old Troy	A. F. Cook	Mrs. Annie Hargrove	None	Ed. Hartman	50
86	Three Forks	H. B. Jones	Mrs. Claude Jones	Ed Yates	Clint L. Jones	95
87	Taylor's Valley	H. J. Forrester	Miss Alta Forrester	T. B. Prater	Aaron Edens	138
88	Union Hill	J. W. Sandlin	Mrs. Gladys Hunt	A. J. Moore	Chas. F. Kimsey	52
89	Vilas	W. H. Dollahite	Mrs. W. T. Bankston	W. W. Smith	F. L. Woods	88
90	Union Grove	E. R. Mann	Mrs. W. N. Bigham	E. H. Mecom	Mrs. Bess Bogart	59

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92	Lee	Ed. Baugh	Mrs. Lester Lawhorn	Mrs. J. L. Buckley	J. L. Buckley	39
93	Sparks	J. A. Riddlehoover	Miss Lillie Mills	J. C. McQueen	Albert McKay Jr.	E 80
98	Youngsfort	Ed. Cline	Mrs. T. L. Ray	J. P. Hoover	W. E. Vick	105
100	Thompson	A. J. Sodek	Mrs. Franz Bartek	J. C. Bartek	V. L. Frupa	61
101	Hackberry	E. W. Perkins	Mrs. John Gray	Martin Martinets	Carroll Sumrall	46
102	Steelman Valley	R. A. Slawson	Mrs. L. B. Underwood	J. W. Havens	Ira C. Brooking	60
103	Sparta	J. B. Davis	Mrs. W. B. Denman	J. R. Boren	W. B. Denman	43
104	Lost Prairie	Prof. John Schiller	Miss Bettie Medford	W. O. Wren	William Mikeska	35
107	Mountain View	J. J. Sprott	Mrs. Vera Sprott	C. W. Bailey	W. W. Griffin	52
108	Wiltonville	E. E. Hair	Mrs. James Fulwiler	Geo. W. Warren	Miss Rosa Lee Harling	67
109	Content	R. E. Raabe	Miss Annie Raabe	Anton Krohulik	Miss Minnie Raabe	166
110	Cowan	R. P. Jackson	Mrs. R. P. Jackson	Mrs. M. E. Whitmire	M. H. Cowan	66
111	Belton (col.)	D. P. Gilmer	Mrs. N. L. Kinchion	Robert Moore	Sam T. Robertson	346
112	Temple (col.)	A. B. Green	Mrs. Joseph Wilson	S. M. Hollins	Ed. Ratliff	533
114	Burgess	V. C. Marshall	Miss Alvah Wohleb	J. L. Jones	H. G. Dupree	67

ENUMERATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Community Councils were requested to enroll all persons 18 years old and over, male and female, in their respective School Districts, and to transmit the rolls to the County Council and also to report (on "yaller" paper) the name of every one who refused to enroll in the war work. A few, but only a few, names came in on the "yaller" sheets.

98 Councils reported a total membership of.....12,478

13 Councils estimated a total membership of..... 2,240

Total membership14,718

The rolls of the 98 Councils reporting, as above, are carefully preserved in a fire-proof vault of the Court House at Belton under the custody and control of the County Council.

In the organization of the Community Councils each Council elected a woman Vice-Chairman who thereupon became ex-officio a member of Mrs. Walker's County Woman's Committee, as chairman and leader of Woman's War Work in her home Council. This organization was attaining a high degree of perfection, when the armistice came. The names of this committee will be found under column of First Vice-Chairmen on the Roster of the Community Councils appearing elsewhere herein.

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND FEED PRODUCTION.

Each Community Council appointed a standing committee on the Production of Food and Feed and these committees were all placed under the direction and leadership of Mr. Marvin R. Martin, the brilliant and faithful Demonstration Agent of Bell County, who in addition to his official duties, had co-laborated beneficially in the organization of these Community Councils. The chairmen of these committees who constituted ex-officio Mr. Martin's County Committee on Agriculture, etc., were as follows:

FOOD AND FEED PRODUCTION COMMITTEE.

NAME OF COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN.

Belton, Ward 1—H. C. Garrison
 Belton, Ward 2—Chas A. Tyler
 Belton, Ward 3—El Meyer
 Temple, Ward 1—L. F. McKay
 Temple, Ward 2—O. L. Fletcher
 Temple, Ward 3, East—Ed Holland
 Temple, Ward 3, W
 Temple, Bentley Hill—W. S. Sealey
 Temple, Freeman Heights—Mrs. A. D. Buford

Independent Districts.

Armstrong—B. F. Lisenbee
 Bartlett
 Heidenheimer
 Holland
 Killeen—O. C. Hallmark
 Oenaville—T. B. Lynn
 Prairie Dell—J. I. England
 Rogers—G. L. Marshall
 Salado—H. E. Allaman
 Science Hill—Mrs. G. E. Leatherman
 Troy—Mrs. C. W. Meyer
 Willow Grove—V. G. Money

No.

1. Amity—N. M. Proctor
2. Temple Surburban—A. W. Stockton
3. Buckhorn—Josh Kennedy
- 4-1. Kelso—F. F. Lindemann
- 4-2. Kelso—J. K. Knight
5. Cedar Knob—M. D. Harkin

FOOD AND FEED PRODUCTION COMMITTEE—CONTINUED.

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| 6. Cedar Creek—J. B. Forrest | 50. Nolanville—G. A. Kaiser | 81. Santa Fe—Frank Doering |
| 7. Cedar Grove—C. B. Humphrey | 53. Bland—T. J. Ludwick | 83. Tennessee Valley—Lee Milwee |
| 8. Shanklin—S. A. Huey | 54. Palo Alto—Robert Morehead | 84. Old Troy—J. W. Hartman |
| 9. Cyclone—Mrs. F. B. Schiller | 56. Phoenix—Ed Carpenter | 86. Three Forks—Claude Jones |
| 10. Center Oak—C. W. Parrott | 57. Gindale—F. W. Madeley | 87. Taylor's Valley—Jas. W. Bruce |
| 11. Cottonwood—S. H. Fowler | 58. Meeks—Henry Gerngross | 88. Union Hill—N. L. Rainey |
| 12. Komensky—O. V. Vanisek | 59. Pecan—A. J. Patterson | 89. Vilas—Will Truehardt |
| 13. Trimmier—L. N. Curb | 60. Pleasant Valley—W. R. Daniel | 90. Union Grove—E. H. Mecom |
| 14. Willingham—Henry Brookes | 61. Prairie View—E. G. Berry | 92. Lee—J. A. Moore |
| 15. Dyess Grove—Frank Glaser | 62. Brookhaven—Lote Curry | 93. Sparks—F. M. Greeson |
| 16. Childers—Joe P. Hill | 63. Willow Springs—D. Hopkins | 98. Youngsport—Troy L. Ray |
| 17. Elm Springs—W. W. Moss | 66. Pendleton—R. S. McGregor | 100. Thompson—A. J. Sodek |
| 18. Seaton—Frank Tesiker | 67. Midway—Ben Miller | 101. Hackberry—Carroll Sumrall |
| 19. Casey—B. B. Taylor | 68. New Colony—L. L. Chaffin | 102. Steelman Valley—W. N. McDonald |
| 20—Howard—Joe L. Nixon | 70. Reece's Creek—John Douglass | 103. Sparta—J. R. Boren |
| 23. Iduma—M. L. McBryde | 71. Sunshine—C. Karl | 104—Lost Prairie—Joe E. Pechal |
| 24. Haybranch—Walter Murphy | 72. Cedar Valley—G T. Curb | 107. Mountain View—James Turnbo |
| 45. Joe Lee—Mrs. M. J. Northan | 73. Bell Plains—J. E. Chaffin | 108. Wiltonville—Harrison Davis |
| 46. White Hall—J. C. Forrester | 76. Luther Smith—C. W. McDonald | 109. Content—P. W. Rinn |
| 47. White Hall (col)—T. M. Hamilton | 77. Sulphur Springs—Willie Carston | 110. Cowan—C. N. Porter |
| 48. Goodville—John Henry | 78. Syper—Joe Stone | 111. Belton (col.)—Albert Blackwell |
| 49—North Elm—Mrs. Joe Zubcik | 79. Stampede—Mrs. H. M. Goad | 112. Temple (col.)—R. E. Wells |
| | 80. McDowell—Webster Hunt | 114. Burgess—E. P. Hill |

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Likewise in each Community Council there was a Committee on Public Health and Sanitation, who were to be under the leadership of the County Committee on Public Health and Sanitation, headed by Dr. John H. McCelvey and given elsewhere herein. The Chairmen of these Committees were as follows:

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES—COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

- | NAME OF COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN. | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Belton, Ward 1—Dr. S. L. Mayo | 8. Shanklin—Fred Pauls | 46. White Hall—Mrs. Grace Daniels |
| Belton, Ward 2—Van Piercy | 9. Cyclone—Mrs. Joe F. Jabusik | 47. White Hall (col.)—C. M. Mahone |
| Belton, Ward 3—Mrs. B. C. Franklin | 10. Center Oak—J. W. D. Wright | 48. Goodville—Chas. Whitlow |
| Temple, Ward 1—Dr. J. M. Murphy | 11. Cottonwood—H. S. Scott | 49. North Elm—Ben Fuchs |
| Temple, Ward 2—Dr. L. R. Talley | 12. Komensky—J. D. Jez | 50. Nolanville—Dr. M. D. Griffin |
| Temple, Ward 3, East—Mrs. Dr. Thomas | 13. Trimmier—N. Bailey | 53. Bland—Mrs. J. M. Vaden |
| Temple, Ward 3, West— | 14. Willingham—J. I. Lankford | 54. Palo Alto—Mrs. Rena Elms |
| Temple, Bentley Hill—Mrs. Tom Spencer | 15. Dyess Grove—Mrs. Gertie Alston | 56. Phoenix—Geo. A. Wilhite |
| Temple, Freeman Heights— | 16. Childers—J. W. Norman | 57. Gindale—W. H. Madeley |
| Independent Districts. | 17. Elm Springs—Mrs. W. J. Brock | 58. Meeks—Jerry Schiller |
| Armstrong—Mrs. C. N. Barnett | 18. Seaton—Frank Motl | 59. Pecan—Miss Georgie Patterson |
| Bartlett— | 19. Casey—J. T. Lemly | 60. Pleasant Valley— |
| Heidenheimer— | 20. Howard—Mrs. Lena Elliott | 61. Prairie View—Mrs. G. C. Messer |
| Holland | 23. Iduma—Miss Jossie Story | 62. Brookhaven—T. H. Tucker |
| Killeen—Mrs. J. W. Gilmer | 24. Haybranch—W. M. Bacon | 63. Willow Springs—Albert Schorn |
| Oenaville—Dr. H. A. Barnwell | 25. Hebron—Miss Jessie Giles | 66. Pendleton—Dr. J. A. Lynch |
| Prairie Dell—Mrs. J. A. Kuykendall | 26. Highland—J. F. Greenway | 67. Midway—Rev. Diltz |
| Rogers—Mrs. M. H. Moore | 27. Maxdale—J. M. Williams | 68. New Colony—Mrs. L. C. Keith |
| Salado—Mrs. M. A. Halsey | 28. Webbville—George Swaim | 70. Reece's Creek—E. M. Spencer |
| Science Hill—Rufus Husky | 30. Keys Valley—J. T. Wilson | 71. Sunshine—P. E. Frank |
| Troy—E. E. McNeeley | 31. Knob Creek—Mrs. Lon Jones | 72. Cedar Valley—Jno. A. Walper |
| Willow Grove—Mrs. D. Y. Moore | 32. Theo—Mrs. R. J. Smith | 73. Bell Plains—Mrs. E. J. Allaman |
| Numbered Districts. | 33. Live Oak Ridge—Mrs. Fannie Williams | 76. Luther Smith—Mrs. J. R. Burdette |
| 1. Amity—Mrs. Geo. A. Proctor | 35. Okay—James Givens | 77. Sulphur Springs—Ernest Splittgerber. |
| 2. Temple Suburban—Dr. J. M. Woodson | 36. New Hope—Mrs. Eugene Fowler | 78. Syper—Mrs. J. W. Huckabee |
| 3. Buckhorn—Mrs. T. B. Pack | 37. Little Flock—R. T. Compton | 79. Stampede—Mrs. S. J. Monroe |
| 4-1. Kelso—F. F. Lindemann | 38. Little River—Dr. A. H. Alsup | 80. McDowell—Mrs. Bessie Hunt |
| 4-2. Kelso—Haywood Haynes | 39. Little Elm— | 81. Santa Fe—Dr. B. F. Lee |
| 5. Cedar Knob—G. W. Baker | 40. Academy—E. E. Welsh | 83. Tennessee Valley—Mrs. Lee Milwee |
| 6. Cedar Creek—John Palmer | 41. Little Nolan—Miss Silas McFarland | 84. Old Troy—Mrs. J. T. Payne |
| 7. Cedar Grove—Richard E. Hallmark | 42. Moffatt— | 86. Three Forks—Robt. T. Wallace |
| | 45. Joe Lee—M. Northern | 87. Taylor Valey—Chas. Miller |

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES—COMMUNITY COUNCILS
—CONTINUED.

- 88. Union Hill—Mrs. Gladys Hunt
- 89. Vilas—Mrs. W. T. Bankston
- 90. Union Grove—Egbert Newsom.
- 92. Lee—Al Smith
- 93. Sparks—Mrs. Frank Stanfield
- 98. Youngsport—Mrs. A. J. Slawson
- 100. Thompson—A. J. Sodek
- 101. Hackberry—Mrs. J. M. Moore
- 102. Steelman Valley—H. B. Jackson
- 103. Sparta—Dr. John Pittman
- 104. Lost Prairie—Joe Talasek
- 107. Mountain View—Jno. C. Cox
- 108. Wiltonville—Mrs. Harrison Davis

- 111. Belton (col.)—C. H. Graves
- 112. Temple (col.)—Dr. S. J. Thompson
- 114. Burgess—Mrs. W. A. Neil
- 109. Content—Dr. E. C. Stoeltje
- 110. Cowan—Mrs. Joe Robinson

OTHER COMMITTEES.

The Community Councils, as provided in their By-Laws, raised standing committees on practically all of the war activities—to mobilize and lead their forces wherever the campaign in that interest called them to action—such as Membership, Liberty Loan, War Saving and Thrift Stamp, Vigilance, Red Cross, Food Conservation, Exemption and Draft, Education and Publicity, Child Welfare, Finance, Y. M. C. A., Soldiers Welfare, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS---COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

Many other matters—Sale and Distribution of Explosives, Dipping of Cattle, Americanization of Foreigners, the improvement of Seed Cotton, Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc., the employment of labor, assistance to Soldier's families, etc., claimed the attention, more or less, of the County and Community Councils and in all of the campaigns of the Government for funds—Liberty Loans, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., etc.—the Community Councils, under the direction of the County Council, were the "shock troops" of the civilian forces behind the trenches. They were the forces of democracy, the power of the patriotic masses, moving in unison and with martial tread against the mailed and panoplied enemies of civilization and the modern world.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES.

Members of the County Council, as did other good citizens, made many public addresses to public assemblies of the people and to the departing soldier boys and at Fourth of July observances. They joined also in the meetings held, after the armistice to rejoice over the successful termination of the war and the early return of our gallant soldiers, sailors and marines to their homes and to the ways of peace.

MUSTER ROLLS OF SOLDIERS, ETC.

It had been from the first the desire and intention of the County Council, at the proper time, i. e. when last levy of soldiers had gone into the training camps—to obtain from the two Local Boards a complete roll of all the Bell County boys who had been received into the military and naval service of

the Government in the European war. In this, however, there was a sad disappointment in store. Soon after the armistice—even while the Boards were completing their work—an order came to them from the Provost Marshall General to give out no lists or information whatever, to close their work as soon as possible, seal up their records and ship them to Washington. This was done and explains in a nutshell why the rolls are not accessible to us. The Adjutant General of Texas has promised, however, that at some day they can be had and until then there is nothing to do but wait!

BELL COUNTY ROLL OF HONOR.

In compliance with the request of the Texas State Council of Defense and in response to the promptings of their own hearts, the County Council has endeavored for some time to obtain a list of all the casualties in killed, wounded, died, etc. which have befallen the Bell County boys in the Military and Naval service of the country during and since the war and have twice issued through the press circular appeals for such information. In response to these appeals and from other sources a list of casualties has been made up by us and forwarded to the State Council of Defense, who announced their intention to publish a book in which all the casualties reported to them will appear, by counties, in a "TEXAS ROLL OF HONOR." Bell County's list has been furnished also to the press of the county, and extensively published. Additions and corrections are being constantly made and we welcome same. The Roll, at this writing, stands as follows:

ROLL OF HONOR

Partial List of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines From Bell County Who Died, Were Wounded or Killed in World War.

Killed in Action.

Altwein, Geo. A., lost on Tuscania, torpedoed, Feb. 1918.

Baker, Arthur W., Rendez-Chassuers, France, June 11, 1918. (Arthur Wood Baker, born in Belton, residence Temple, was the first Bell county boy killed in battle.)

Deck, Rogers E., France, 1918.

Foster, Orau Bentley, St. Mihiel, Sept. 26, 1918.

Kimbrough, Chas., St. Mihiel, Sept. 12, 1918.

Oliver, Augustus C., (Marine), Thiarcourt, France, Sept. 15, 1918.

Pace, Sergt. George, France, Sept. 1918.

Parks, Albert Clarence, France, Oct. 18, 1918.

Queen, Lt. Dudley W., torpedoed on ocean, died in Ireland, 1917.

Rivas, Sandalio, France, 1918.

Rollins, Elbrige, Argonne Front, Oct. 4, 1918.

Thompson, Lt. Robt. E., Flying over German lines, (St. Mihiel), Sept. 12, 1918.

Wade, Clarence A., Argonne Front, Sept. 29, 1918.

Williams, Willie, France, 1918.

Died of Wounds Received in Action.

Adams, John Q., Rhine Sector, 1918.

ROLL OF HONOR—CONTINUED.

Curtis, Corp. M. Franklin, Argonne Front, wounded Oct. 9, 1918; died Oct. 23, 1918.

Graham, Roy Barnie, Soissons, wounded July 19, 1918; died July —, 1918.

Parmer, Claude I., Chateau-Thierry, wounded Oct. 8, 1918; died Oct. 10, 1918.

Perry, Vithia Ira, Chateau-Thierry, wounded July 26, 1918; died Aug. 2, 1918.

Speer, Thomas King, English Hospital, Sept. 27, 1918.

Killed By Accident in Service.

Heard, Lt. Fleet, Camp Travis, Dec. 31, 1917.

Thomas, Lt. William G., Toule, France, Jan. 7, 1919.

Watson, Shelley, Mineola Field, N. Y., June 24, 1919.

Injured By Accident in Service.

Anderson, Charles F., Camp Travis, Nov. 20, 1918.

George, Paul, Camp McArthur, July 11, 1918.

Hellums, Andrew Jackson, Tormentine, France, June 20, 1918.

Holcomb, Paul H., Camp McArthur, July 11, 1918.

Wounded in Action.

Alsup, Robert Lee, Argonne Front, Oct. 7, 1918.

Baugh, Corp. Winston S., Argonne Front, Oct. 9, 1918.

Belk, Daniel Eldon, France, 1918.

Biles, Charles Ewell, St. Mihiel, Sept. 15, 1918.

Chandler, Wilder, Soissons, July 19, 1918.

Copeland, Joseph, St. Mihiel, Sept. —, 1918.

Davis, Sergt. Joseph Robert, Vimy Ridge, (With Canadians), April 9, 1917. (Sergt. Joseph Robert Davis, from Bell county, Texas, where his widowed mother and his people reside, had joined the Canadian forces and was in France when our country declared war, April 6, 1917. His unit was 10 M. G. Co., 4th Division. On Monday, April 9, 1917, he carried aloft the Stars and Stripes into battle in the great charge made by the Canadians when they took Vimy Ridge. Newspaper dispatches, at the time, spoke of the "gallant young Texas soldier, who first carried the American Flag on a European battle field." It is almost conclusively established that Sergt. Davis was the man, and modestly responding to inquiries, he has verified the fact. We claim the honor for our Bell County Hero. He fell in the charge, his wound con-

sisting of the loss of one foot, on the date stated in the above.)

DeGrummond, Lt. Harry, Argonne Front, 1918.

Dillard, Robt. S., Argonne Front, (gassed) Oct. 22, 1918.

Duke, Innes W. K., Filmes, France, Aug. 9, 1918.

Eakin, Charles, France, 1918.

Edwards, Benjamin, France, 1918.

Gunn, Ollie C., St. Mihiel, Sept. 29, 1918.

Harris, J. L., Arras Front, (with Canadians), April 1917.

Haverland, Emil, St. Mihiel, Oct. 8, 1918.

Hilliard, Robert Roy, France, (shell shock), 1918.

Huggins,

Hunka, Anton, Argonne Front, Nov. 3, 1918.

Keeble, Charles, Argonne Front, Oct. —, 1918.

Kidd, Sergt. Joseph William, Verdun, (gassed), Nov. 2, 1918.

Kirkland, Allen Clark, Argonne Front, (gassed), Nov. 5, 1918.

Leatherwood, Wm. L., Argonne Front, (gassed) Nov. 4, 1918.

Lusk, Boyd J., Marne and Argonne, July 20, and Oct. 21, 1918.

McCarter, Sergt. Thos. A., Argonne Front, Oct. 14, 1918.

McVey, Thomas

Naismith, Thos. C., Argonne Front, (gassed), Oct. 3, 1918.

Oliver, Henry H., Soissons, July 18, 1918.

Page, James A., Verdun, April 13 and Argonne Nov. 8, 1918.

Perkins, Roy, Champeign Front, Oct. 25, 1918.

Pilgrim, Corp. Sidney E., Soissons, (gassed) July 22, 1917.

Ray, Lt. William Addison, Argonne Front, Nov. 1, 1918.

Robinson, Louis D., St. Mihiel, Sept. 16, 1918.

Shelton, Frazier C., Champeign Front, Oct. 25, 1918.

Smith, Samuel, Argonne Front, Nov. 8, 1918.

Sparks, William Clark, Champeign Front, Oct. 8, 1918.

Sutton, Jesse W., Argonne Front, (gassed), Oct. 24, 1918.

Tobin, John B., Chateau-Thierry, July 18, 1918.

Tomme, James E., Argonne Front, Oct. 11, 1918.

Tucker, Leroy, Argonne Front, 1918.

Yountz, Eugene, Soissons, July 18, 1918.

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Brooks, Vivaray L., France, (insane), 1918.

Miller, John, Champeign, July 12, 1918.

Died of Disease.

Bishop, Edward, U. S. Navy, 1918.

Crosby, Robert S., Camp Joseph, E. Johnston, Dec. 31, 1917.

Dice, Garrison B., Ft. Sam Houston, Jan. 14, 1918.

Gillespie, Harry, Brest, France, Oct. 20, 1918.

Graham, Eugene Jenkins, Camp Jackson, S. C., Influenza, Oct. 8, 1918.

Griffin, George W., Camp Bowie, December 27, 1917.

Heard, Leon, Ft. Sam Houston, Nov. 1, 1918.

Hellums, Jacob Leslie, Greatlakes, Feb. 12, 1918.

Hennington, Benjamin F., Training Camp, Nov. 1917.

Henson, Duke, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Oct. 16, 1918.

Hoover, Jesse W., Glasgow, Scotland, Oct. 13, 1918.

Hughes, Walter L., Angers, France, Feb. 19, 1919.

Kleen, Walter H., Home on furlough, Dec. 1917.

Knight, James Henry, Camp Bowie, (pneumonia), Dec. 1917.

Lamd, Earl H., Norfolk, Va., Feb. 5, 1919.

Lanham, Howard, Camp Travis, Oct. 16, 1918.

Lankford, Edward L., Camp Travis, Oct. 18, 1918.

Leslie, Walter, Angers, France, Feb. 19, 1919.

Lewellen, Grady, Training Camp, 1918.

McFarland, William H., Camp Jackson, N. C., Dec. 8, 1918.

Miller, Earl H., France, (pneumonia), Sept., 1918.

Moore, 1st Lt. Z. J., Wolrich, England, Oct. 26, 1918.

Murphy, Grover C., Camp Travis, Oct. 1, 1918.

Ray, Clifford G., Liverpool, England, Sept. 29, 1918.

Reavis, William W., Camp Bowie, Feb. 27, 1918.

Shanklin, John W., Camp Joseph, E. Johnston, (pneumonia), Oct. 16, 1918.

Sherrill, Will, Kelly Field, (pneumonia), Oct. 24, 1918.

Strange, Henry Allen, Camp Bowie, (meningitis), Dec. 1917.

Thornton, Benjamin F., Camp Travis, Dec., 1917.

Vaden, A. D., Tuberculosis, Camp, N. M., 1918.

Whittington, John T., Portsmouth, N. H., (Navy), —.

Williams, Albert, Camp Bowie,

ROLL OF HONOR—CONTINUED.

Dec. 6, 1917.

Wimberley, James T., Bozoille,
France, Jan. 23, 1919.Yancey, Andeen, Brest, France,
1918.Younger, Thomas, Camp Travis,
(pneumonia), 1917.

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Ellis, Elbert, ———.

Riley, Sam, ———.

Smith, Charles, France, Nov. 9,
1918.Wren, Jack, Camp Travis, (pneu-
monia) 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO THE PRESS.

The newspapers of Bell County opened wide their columns—free of charge—for the publication of the numerous circulars, announcements, calls, etc., issued by the County Council and grateful public acknowledgement is here cheerfully made to each of them. They were:

The Temple Daily Telegram, daily; The Belton Evening News, daily; The Belton Journal, weekly; The Belton Times, weekly; The Temple Mirror, weekly; The Ferguson Forum, weekly; The Rogers News, weekly; The Holland Progress, weekly; The Killeen Herald, weekly; The Troy Enterprise, weekly; The Bartlett Tribune, weekly.

WE "DRAFTED" EVERYBODY.

As our work grew and the necessity for quick, concerted action arose, we "drafted" the school trustees, the officers of Community Councils and all the people to help to "carry on." Our drollery in using the word "draft" was taken by everybody (as intended) good humoredly and nearly every one did his or her best. We have not forgotten, and, WE THANK YOU. No people were ever more loyal or patriotic.

JUDGE J. F. CARL—AN APPRECIATION.

The outstanding figure in all of the Council of Defense work in Texas is Judge J. F. Carl, of San Antonio, Secretary of the Texas State Council of Defense. Most splendidly equipped with talent for organization of the scattered elements of the civilian population of Texas, with his eye steadily and unflinchingly fixed upon the goal of mobilizing and utilizing for war work every man and woman in the State, every material or helpful resource and every patriotic impulse, never wearying or finding fault with the ignorance and shortcomings of others, never austere or overbearing—like Travis at the Alamo, his battle-cry "Victory or Death"—he proceeded calmly, unflinchingly in his great work and had organized throughout our State, when the armistice was signed, a civilian organization—the Councils of Defense—that could strike with one blow every community, every school, every village and hamlet, every home and fireside, every pulsing heart in this great State.

To such a magnificent leader the Bell County Council of Defense proudly bows in a parting made of appreciation and congratulation. He was the man of the hour. He found his place and filled it with honor and glory to our State.

OUR LETTER HEAD.

At the first meeting of the Bell County Council of Defense—July 23, 1917—a style of Letter Head, with envelope to match, was adopted. We present a fac simili of same upon the front cover of this pamphlet. Note that it carries the three

colors of "Old Glory," the Liberty Bell in red, paper white and the printing in blue. And note again that our use of this design is exclusive, without a copyright, for no other County in Texas can appropriately use the symbol of the "Bell."

NO COMPENSATION OR EXPENSE FUND.

It must be remembered that the members of the County Council and their Committees all served without compensation and had not a dollar of expense fund and never called upon any one for a penny. They paid for the stationery, printing, postage, travelling expenses, etc., out of their own funds.

STENOGRAPHERS THANKED.

In the offices of the Chairman and Secretary of the County Council their official stenography and typing was done by their regular employees without extra charge and they worked over-hours and got out hundreds of copies of matter going out to the Community Councils and others. They were:

At Chairmans Office—Miss Adelia Estes, Mrs. Mattie Tulloch, Mrs. Miriam Albertson, Mrs. Jewell Sanders. At Secretary's Office—Mr. W. L. Moore, Mr. Jake Cook.

The members of the County Council are grateful to them, each and all, and recognize them as invaluable and indispensable co-workers in the task which those "behind the lines" tried to perform. It was not a mere "bit," but a splendid sacrifice, freely and cheerfully made.

NO "FINIS" YET!

The armistice was signed November 11, 1918, the boys are coming home from overseas and the final peace treaties are being whipped into shape—some of them may be signed ere this is read—and it would be in order for our printer to get down a slug containing the word "FINIS" and put it right at the end of this paragraph—in other words have us tell you "good bye" but—Hold, Not Yet!

RING OUT, YE BELLS!

RAISE HIGH THE FLAG!

SOUND THE REVEILLE!

A GREAT HOME-COMING AND WELCOME

TO

OUR SOLDIER AND SAILOR VETERANS

OF THE

WORLD WAR, SPANISH WAR AND CIVIL WAR

IS PROCLAIMED BY THE

YOUNG MEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and the Citizens of Belton, in which the whole County and all of the sister towns join, to be held at Belton July 4th, 1919. We must all be there. One hour—4 to 5 p. m.—is set apart for the Community Councils of Defense. They will then as the Army and Navy boys, the Spanish war boys, the Confederate Veterans, with their fellow Community Council members and with themselves.

And then and there we will be "drafted" again to undertake a great and noble work for the soldier and sailor boys and which we now proceed to explain.

MONUMENT TO THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Duty Assigned to the Councils of Defense; Official Action of the Commissioners Court.

On December 11, 1918, the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Bell County, Texas, composed of Hon. Mallory B. Blair, County Judge, and Commissioners W. P. Denman, William D. Sloan, J. A. Humphries and Thomas H. Adams, in session, unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

Remba at the Park and there shake hands with

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Whereas all people should honor and perpetuate the memories of those who bravely bear arms in their defense, and

Whereas the records of those who volunteered or were accepted into the military, naval or other armed service of our government in the world war for democracy may soon become unavailable, therefore, Resolved;

1. That the Commissioner's Court of Bell County hereby designates, sets apart and dedicates a space of ground in the court house lawn in Belton, for the erection and maintenance of a suitable monument thereon in honor of all our boys from Bell County who were accepted into the service of the United States or its allies in the great war for liberty of the world and to commemorate the sacrifices of those who gave up their lives in the great cause.

2. That if sanctioned by the proper authorities of our government, full and complete rolls be made up of all the boys from Bell County in the regular army or navy or who volunteered or who were called out and accepted by the government, in any department of the war service, as now appearing in records of the two Draft Exemption Boards of Bell County, or elsewhere, with such additional facts or information as may be deemed advisable, together with a full and complete roll of all the boys in the service aforesaid, who have lost their lives or have been wounded or have suffered other casualties in the service of the country, with as full particulars as possible relating to them, and that such rolls when completed and indexed be well and appropriately bound and deposited in the archives of the Commissioner's Court of Bell County, there to remain, under absolute protection for all time.

3. That this Court here now requests the Bell County Council of Defense, composed of Geo. W. Tyler, Chairman; Chas. W. Taylor, Vice Chairman; J. C. Mitchell, Secretary; Mrs. Sam S. Walker, Assistant Secretary; Hugh C. Smith, Treasurer; Stuart Shaw and John H. Underwood, to take charge of the work of raising funds by popular subscriptions and donations, through the Community Councils of Defense, or otherwise, for building such monument and perpetuating such records, under the general supervision of this Court.

The Bell County Council of Defense, at its meeting on June 20, 1919, being in full sympathy and accord with this action of the Commissioner's Court, accepted the trust and proceeded with their arrangements to faithfully and promptly carry out the sacred task thus imposed upon them. Among other things it was decided:

1. That our Treasurer Mr. H. C. Smith, of Killeen, should be the custodian of the Monument fund and should make a good and solvent bond in the sum of \$15,000.00, as such custodian, the same to be made payable to the County Judge of Bell County and his successors in office, to be approved by the Commissioner's Court, and to be deposited with the County Treasurer for safe keeping.

2. That all contributions to the Monument fund should be forwarded to our Treasurer, Mr. H. C. Smith, and that in all cases notice thereof be given to our Secretary Mr. J. Curtis Mitchell of Temple, to be used by the Commissioner's Court in auditing the accounts of our Treasurer.

3. That we undertake to raise the sum of \$12,000.00 for the Monument and other purposes named.

4. That in due time a campaign be put on throughout the County to raise said sum, through the Community Councils and otherwise that quotas be assigned to each Council and, if necessary, that a field manager be employed to visit every community and to push the campaign to a rapid conclusion.

5. That the press, the schools, the pulpit and all other public functionaries, are earnestly requested to assist in the promotion of this campaign.

6. That, as far as practicable and at the earliest moment the other requests of the Commissioner's, relating to the rolls of the men in service, the casualty list and other particulars, will be obtained and put into permanent form and filed for preservation for all time in the archives of the Court.

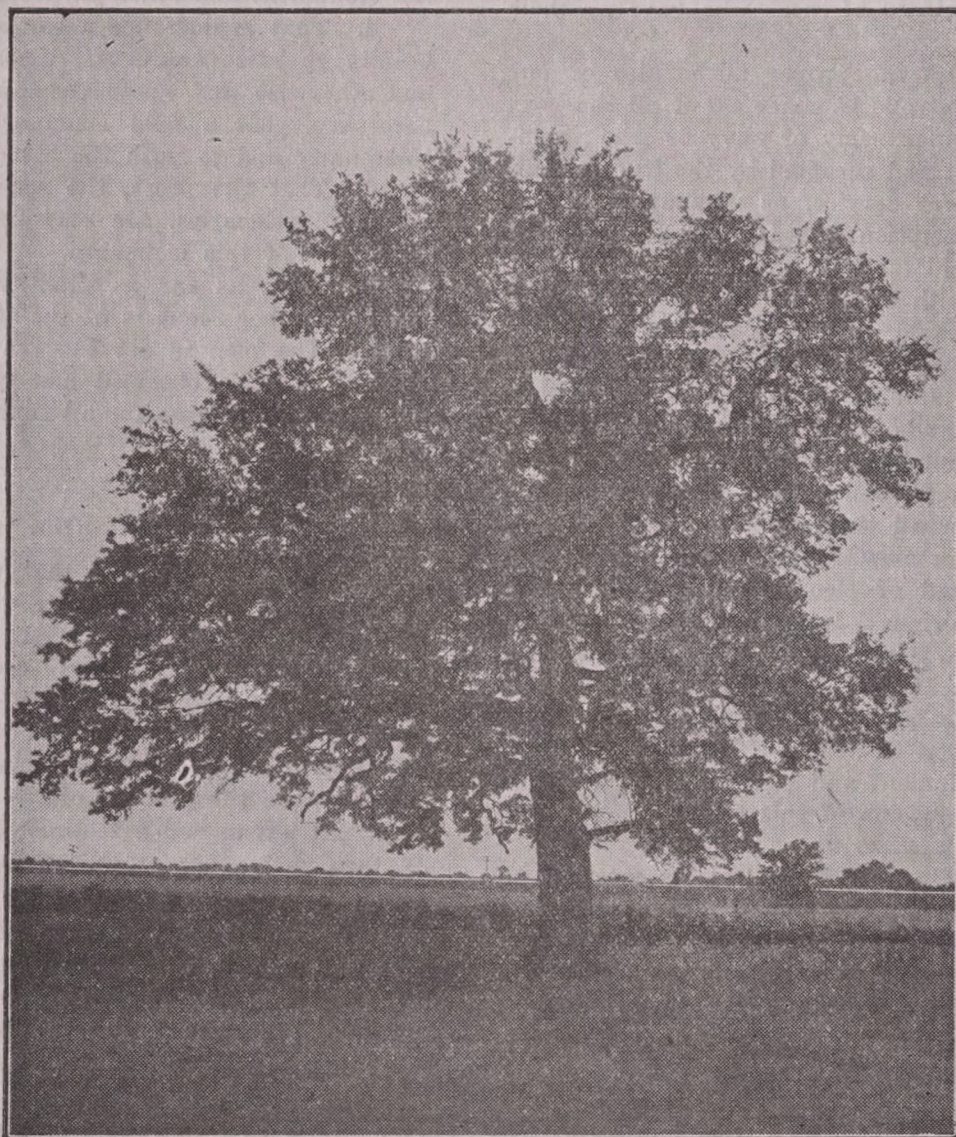
ANOTHER SUMMONS TO DUTY.

Thus it will be seen that the work of the County and Community Councils is not finished. We were drafted for the war and have not yet been discharged. Having sent our brave boys to war, having stood behind them and "backed them up" the best we could, it is now up to us, the County and Community Councils, and to all the people, to manifest our appreciation of their services and sacrifices for us, by placing upon the grounds of the County Capitol a memorial to their patriotism and a testimonial of our gratitude.

We say to one and all, open your hearts, loosen your purse strings and act promptly in making your contribution for this sacred purpose when your name is called.

Remember! No contributions to the Monument fund will be asked on July 4th. We will just talk about it and otherwise enjoy ourselves with the Soldier boys.

WE MUST BUILD THE MONUMENT!!



BELL COUNTY'S CHARTER OAK.

A large spreading Live Oak, on the east bank of the Leon River, a quarter of a mile east of the corporate limits of Belton, and 300 yards below the bridge on the Belton and Temple pike. In April or May, 1850, the first county election ever held in Bell county occurred under the shade of this old tree to which still stands out there in all of its majesty.

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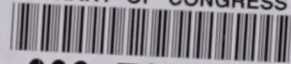
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